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Applicant: Jerry R. Smith  
Appl. No.: 10/099,921  
Filed: March 14, 2002  
Docket No.: 1806  
Title: **HITCH BALL ENGAGING ASSEMBLY AND APPARATUS  
USABLE TO INTERCONNECT FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER  
COUPLING TO A GOOSENECK TRACTOR COUPLING**

Art Unit: 3619  
Examiner:

Action: **TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
Date: June 6, 2002

TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant is unaware of any specific reference relating to the subject application. The Examiner's attention, however, is directed to the background discussion in the application as it relates to commonly used hitch assemblies.

Applicant believes that this application presents new, useful and non-obvious technology and that the claims presented with this application are allowable. The Examiner is courteously solicited to enter an expeditious allowance of this application. If any questions remain to be addressed, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney for the Applicant be contacted at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

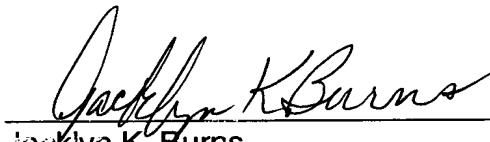
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